

Remarks

In the above-mentioned action, the examiner has shifted the rejection from Section 102 to Section 103(a). Applicant's arguments in his brief filed September 17, 2007 address both Section 102 and Section 103(a) rejections. Taking Alam (602) in view of Mankoff et al. (651) as previously pointed out which may be summarized as follows:

(1) One of ordinary skill in the art could not have combined the elements of applicant's claims by known methods; and,

(2) The elements in the combination do not merely perform the function that each element performs separately.

Applicant respectfully requests that the examiner reconsider the arguments made previously in view of the above additional remarks.

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